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Ronald L. Wilson, Director
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Food and Drug Administration
5600 Fishers Lane, Room 11-44
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Re: AMARYL® (glimepiride) #15

FDA Docket No. 96E-0044

Dear Mr. Wilson:

Transmitted herewith is a copy of the application for patent term extension of U.S. Patent No. 4,379,785, which issued April 12, 1983. The application was filed on January 22, 1996, under 35 U.S.C. § 156.

The patent claims a product that was subject to regulatory review under the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act. Subject to final review, the subject patent is considered to be eligible for patent term restoration. Thus, a determination by your office of the applicable regulatory review period is necessary. Accordingly, notice and a copy of the application are provided pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 156(d)(2)(A).

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